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Organization of African Unity: At a Crossroads ~~(S NF)~~

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Summary

South Africa's passage to black majority rule and Rwanda's descent into tribal bloodshed symbolize the crossroads that the Organization of African Unity (OAU) faces in confronting a changed array of problems.

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- The OAU was founded in 1963 by newly independent states concerned with eradicating the remaining colonial presence in Africa, eliminating white minority rule, and protecting their sovereignty and territorial integrity against presumed external threats.¹
- This year's OAU summit in Tunisia beginning on 13 June marks the end of this 30-year preoccupation with African liberation and highlights the OAU's new challenge to deal more effectively with key issues internal to Africa-- particularly ethnic conflict. ~~(S NF)~~

To make the organization more effective, OAU leaders will have to work around a number of constraints.

- *Its outdated charter leans against OAU involvement in member states' internal affairs, does not mention democracy, and makes little reference to human rights.*
- *Moreover, the Rwandan crisis underscores the OAU's lack of capability--or intention--to organize and mount an African peacekeeping operation on its own.* ~~(S NF)~~

The OAU has taken modest steps in the past three years to develop a greater capacity for addressing some of the continent's pressing difficulties, particularly in the area of conflict resolution. *The potential for greater South African involvement over time may enhance the OAU's structural reform efforts, but for the foreseeable future the organization probably will continue to be overshadowed by the UN and regionally important African states.* ~~(S NF)~~

¹ The Western Sahara, once ruled by Spain, is the only former colonial territory whose status has not been resolved. No date has been set for a planned UN-supervised referendum on whether the territory should become independent or be absorbed by Morocco. ~~(S NF)~~

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Changing the Guard at the June Summit

The OAU will welcome South Africa as its 53rd member with considerable fanfare and make its annual change of leadership at the summit, but its most urgent task will be to ensure that the OAU plays a credible supporting role in international efforts to deal with Rwanda.² In honor of Nelson Mandela, the summit conferees may select Pretoria to host the 1995 OAU summit, which would make the new South African President the OAU Chairman for 1995-96. Tunisian President Ben Ali is scheduled to become the OAU Chairman for the coming year.

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Key Issues Facing the OAU

South Africa's Impact. At least in the near term, it is our judgment that South African participation in OAU affairs--beyond lending the organization greater prestige by virtue of its membership--will not provide the concrete resources that most observers agree the OAU needs. Most indications are that President Mandela's government of national unity will take a go-slow approach toward its reemergence on the international scene.

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² OAU foreign ministers meet from 8 to 11 June to set the agenda for the summit in Tunisia to be held 13-15 June. ~~(S/NF)~~

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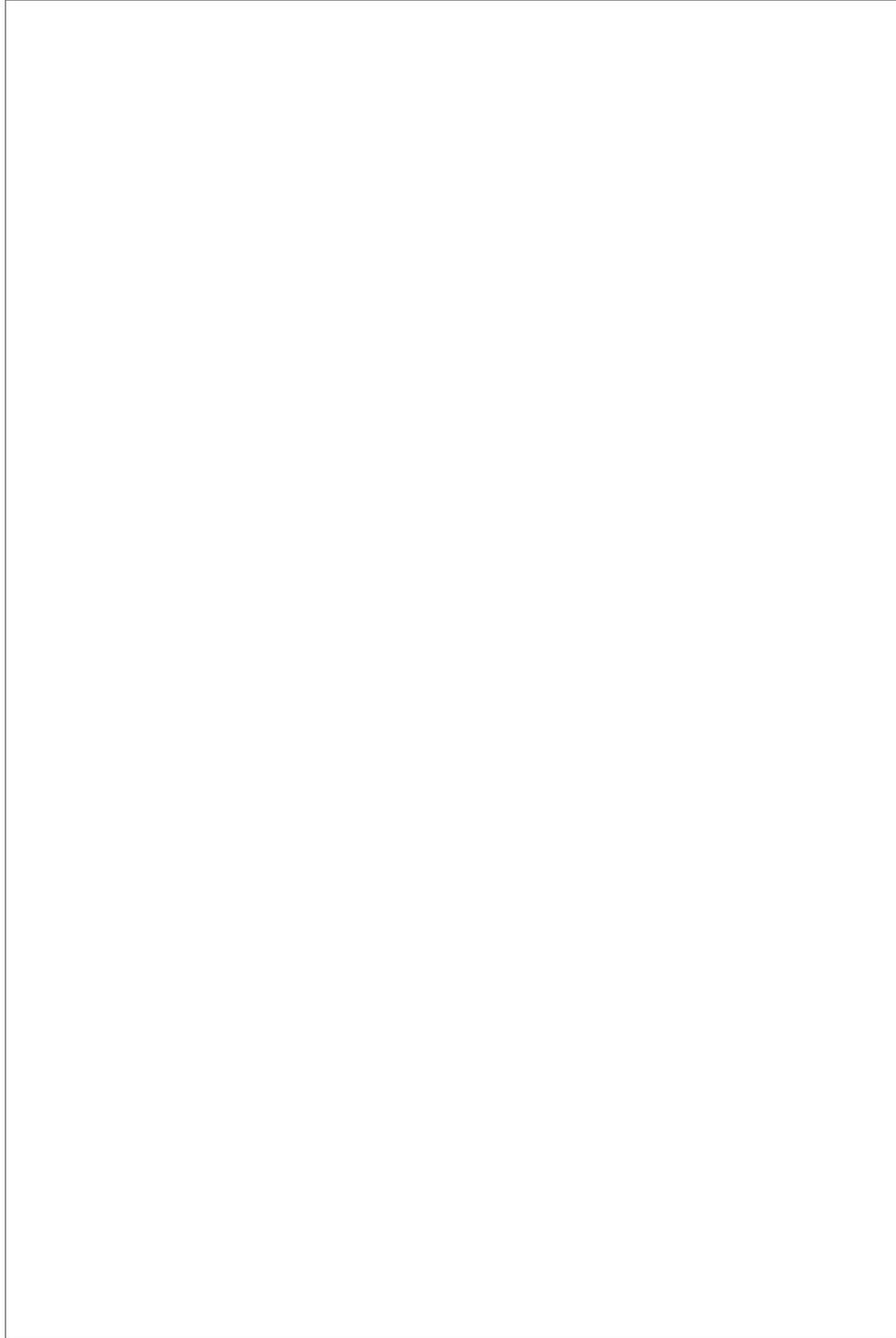


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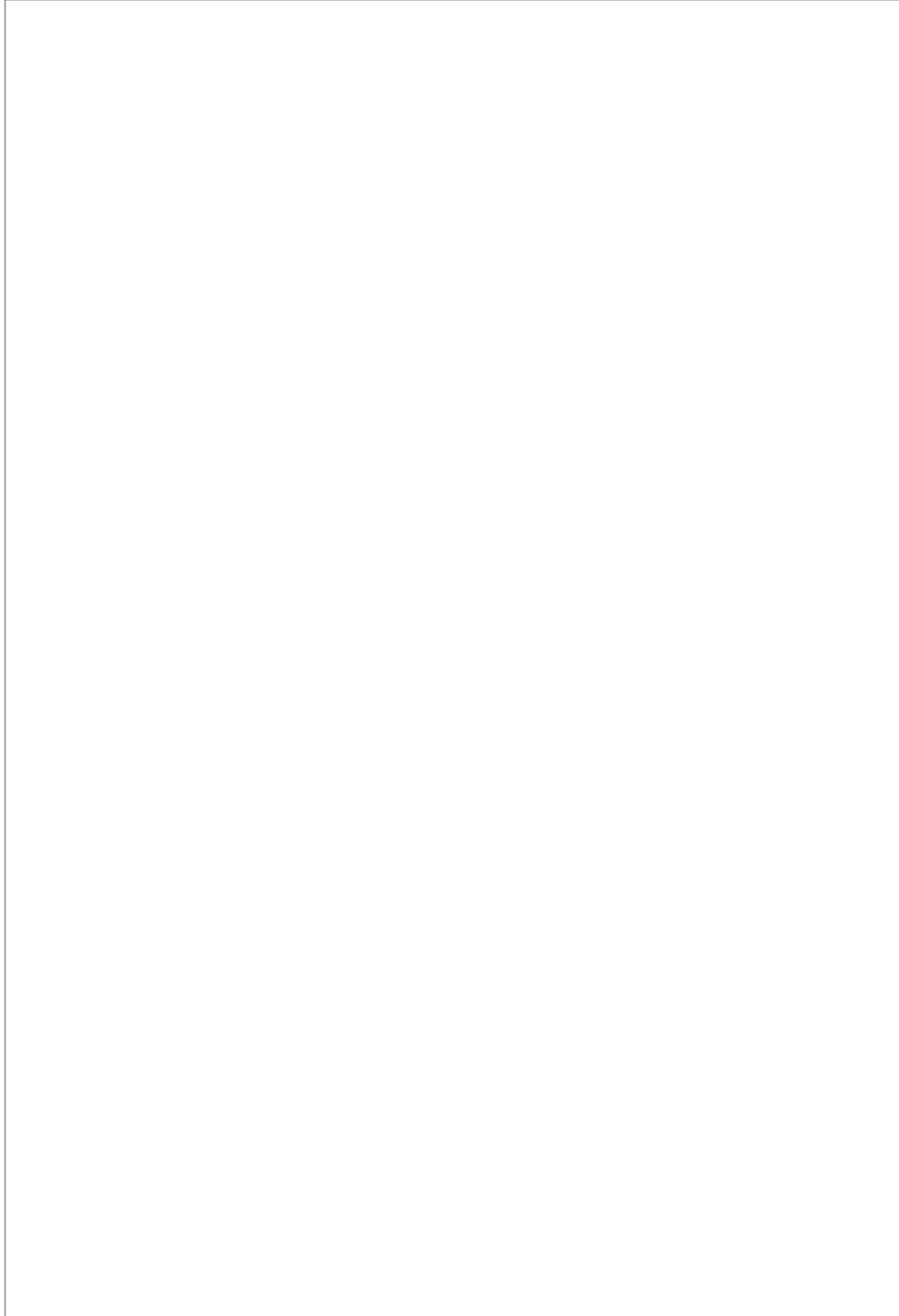


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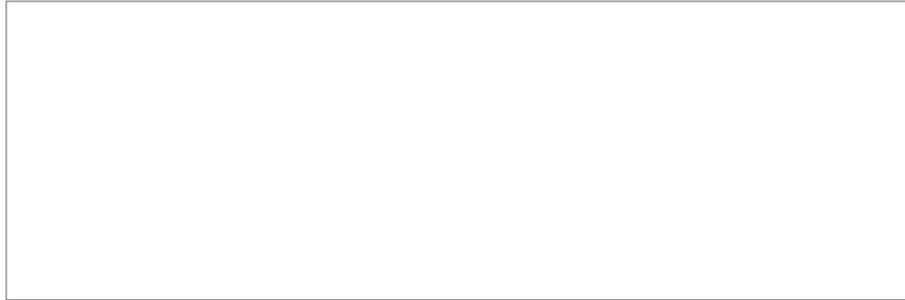
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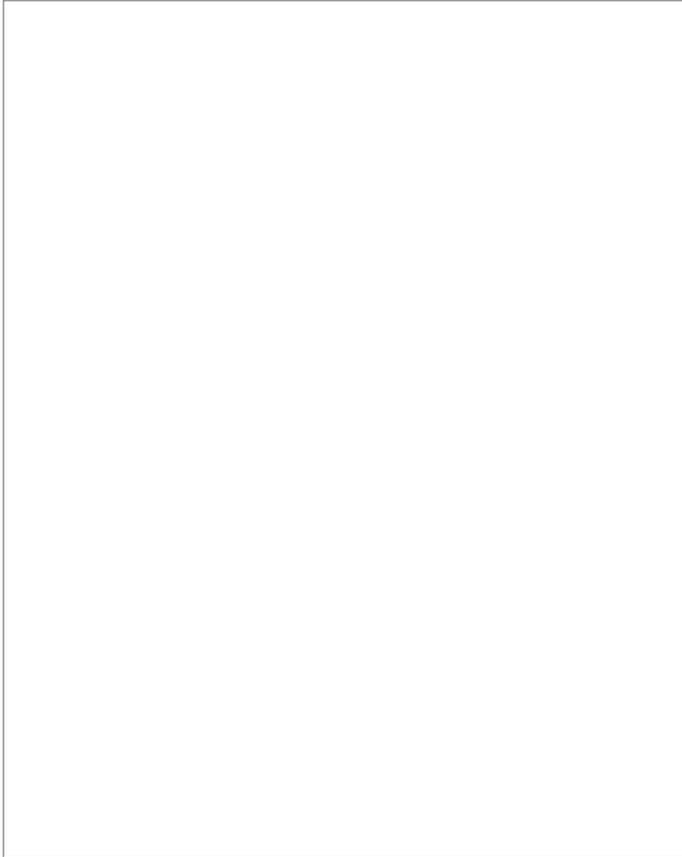


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